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ROME FOR FODAG

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1. A. W. J. ROBERTSON (DIRECTOR, UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, EXTAFF) TOLD TCO MARCH 12 GOC WAS CLEARLY LINKING SUPPORT FOR DILLON IN ICAO TO U.S. SUPPORT FOR VOGEL IN WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP). THIS POSITION HAD BEEN APPROVED LAST NIGHT BY EXTAFF MINISTER MACEACHEN AND WILL BE CONVEYED OFFICIALLY IN WASHINGTON. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR WILL BE TOLD TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ ON THE VOGEL ISSUE EARLY NEXT WEEK WITH A VIEW TO GETTING PROMPT HIGH LEVEL USG DECISION OF SUPPORT SO THAT VOGEL MAY GO TO ROME AT WEEK'S END FOR MEETING WITH SAOUMA ASSURED THAT THE USG IS BEHIND HIS NOMINATION. IF USG DOES NOT SUPPORT VOGEL, THEN FOR STRICTLY "POLITICAL" REASONS GOC IS
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HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT DILLON. CANADIAN EMBASSY

WILL ALSO BE TOLD TO MAKE THIS CLEAR TO THOSE
ELEMENTS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED ONLY WITH
THE DILLON QUESTION.

2. AT FIRST INTERAGENCY MEETING ON QUESTION QUESTERDAY
EXTAFF AND MOT AGREED, ACCORDING TO ROBERTSON, THAT A
WESTERN (I.E., DEVELOPED COUNTRY) CANDIDATE WAS TO BE
PREFERRED TO ANY OTHER. MOT STRONGLY SUPPORTED DILLON
BUT AGREED THAT LAMBERT WAS TECHNICALLY MORE QUALIFIED.
NEITHER EXTAFF NOR MOT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH
VIVIAN. MORE INTRIGUINGLY, THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT
THAT THE INDONESIAN CANDIDATE WAS MORE QUALIFIED THAN
BOTH DILLON AND VIVIAN AND THE FEELING WAS THAT IF THE
SECRETARY GENERAL WERE TO BE CHOSEN FROM THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRY WORLD THE INDONESIAN WOULD NOT BE A BAD CHOICE--
CERTAINLY A PREFERABLE ONE TO THE LATIN CANDIDATES. THE
CONSENSUS WAS THAT IF THE CANADIAN DECISION IS MADE ON
TECHNICAL GROUNDS ALONE LAMBERT AND DILLON WOULD BE IN
COMPETITION FOR FIRST CHOICE AND THE INDONESIAN WOULD
BE THE PRIME ALTERNATE. HOWEVER, MOT AT THE OFFICIAL
LEVEL (MINISTER LANG HAS NOT YET BEEN INVOLVED) IS
DEFERRING TO EXTAFF THAT THE BASIS FOR THE DECISION
SHOULD BE "POLITICAL" (I.E., THE LINK WITH THE
VOGEL QUESTION).

3. ROBERTSON EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROMPT
USG DECISION TO SUPPORT VOGEL IF GOC IS TO SUPPORT
DILLON. HE STRESSED THAT WORD OF US SUPPORT MUST
CLEARLY REACH SAOUMA IN A WEEK OR SO. HE REFERRED TO
INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT AGRICULTURE
SECRETARY BUTZ HAD NOT ADEQUATELY PUSHED VOGEL IN
RECENT WASHINGTON MEETING WITH SOUMA, AND ALLUDED TO THE
RELATIONSHIP OF THIS TO THE U.S. INTEREST IN RETAINING
THE NUMBER TWO WFP POSITION AND THE PLACEMENT OF ITS
CURRENT INCUMBENT IN ANOTHER FAO JOB. IF CANADA IS TO
SUPPORT DILLON, HE REITERATED, THE USG MUST CLEARLY AND
PROMPTLY SUPPORT VOGEL.

4. FINALLY, ROBERTSON SAID THAT IF THE GOC AGREES TO
SUPPORT DILLON IT WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE THAT
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SUPPORT ACTIVE, AT LEAST AT A LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH
ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE ICAO HOST COUNTRY. AT
PRESENT GOC IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT
FOR DILLON AT MONTREAL; HE REFERRED TO WHAT WAS
OBVIOUSLY THE SAME REPORT FROM CANREP CITED TO US BY
MOT ON MAR 9. IF CANADA SUPPORTS DILLON HE EMPHASIZED
THERE WILL BE A NEED TO TRADE PRECISE INFORMATION AS TO
WHERE OTHER SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND, HE IMPLIED,

GOC WOULD BE WILLING TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS IN OTHER
CAPITALS. TO DO THIS EFFECTIVELY A GOC DECISION NEEDS
TO BE TAKEN PROMPTLY AND THAT WILL DEPEND ON THE U.S.
HANDLING OF THE VOGEL CASE. ENDERS

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